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▶ Crews yesterday worked to clean up the debris left behind in Revere by Hurricane Sandy.

With cleanup under way, state says see ya to Sandy

- Compared to New York and New Jersey, the Bay State dodged the bullet
- Many flights still grounded
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Sandy gone, cleanup begins

Damage minimal in Bay State, but countless trees and limbs brought down Thousands spend another day without power Hundreds of flights in and out of Logan still canceled

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With the sun showing and the wind calming, scores of cleanup crews fanned out across the state yesterday removing downed trees and trying to restore power to thousands of people still without electricity in Sandy's wake.

While Sandy's impact crippled cities in New York and New Jersey, Massachusetts seemed to do well in comparison.

"We feel very fortunate there have been no reports of serious injury, no reports of serious infrastructure damage," Gov. Deval Patrick said during a briefing yesterday morning. "I'm relieved, that's for sure."

As of about 4 p.m., NSTAR reported that more than 1,200 homes and businesses in Boston were still without power. That number was 1,663 in Cambridge and 568 in Somerville. In total, there were about 208,000 homes and businesses without power in the state as of yesterday afternoon, according to reports from NSTAR and National Grid.

Some people looking to leave the city through the skies were still stranded yesterday as airlines tried to catch up. At Logan Airport, nearly 600 flights were canceled yesterday, but that number was down from nearly 900 on Monday, according to FlightStats.com.

Sandy's powerful winds, which peaked with a gust of 62 mph at Logan Monday afternoon, knocked down and uprooted large trees in various parts of the Boston area, but no major damage was reported.

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▶ Crews worked to clean up the sand and debris left behind by Hurricane Sandy along Revere Beach in Revere. In the background, somebody takes advantage of the wind and flies a kite.

▶ Governor Deval Patrick walks along Revere Beach observing the damage that happened during Hurricane Sandy.

▶ A battered billboard in East Boston.

42 The number of canceled flights coming and going from Logan Airport today as airlines continued to play catch up in the aftermath of Sandy.

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The peak wind gust recorded at Logan Airport during Sandy's visit to the region was 62 mph, according to the National Weather Service. It was recorded just before 4 p.m. Monday. Hurricane force winds are 74 mph.

Today's local tweet

"Surprisingly smooth commute today. Thanks #MBTA."

@RACHELGO, WHO WAS ONE OF THE MANY PEOPLE THANKFUL THAT THE MBTA WAS UP AND RUNNING AGAIN AFTER IT CLOSED EARLY MONDAY.

Menino still in hospital after return from Italy

BOSTON. Boston Mayor Thomas Menino is still recovering in a Boston hospital from a flu-like virus and other ailments.

Menino has been in the hospital since Friday night when he returned to Boston from Italy where he spent some time with his wife. His office said yesterday that he is suffering from a small blood clot in his leg and an upper respiratory infection.

A spokesman for the mayor said that Menino is "doing well and resting" at Brigham and Women's Hospital. Menino is also still involved in the city's decision-making process, the spokesman said.

It was unclear when he would be released. **METRO**

Man fatally shot in Roxbury

ROXBURY. Boston police were searching for the person who fatally shot a man in Roxbury early Sunday morning.

The 22-year-old man was shot near 1050 Tremont St., just after 3:30 a.m. Sunday, police said. The man was not identified by police.

When police arrived they found the man suffering from a gunshot wound.

He was taken to Boston Medical Center where he was pronounced dead.

Police did recover a gun and detectives are still investigating. Anyone with information can call 617-343-4470. **METRO**

Warren wants debate, Brown is indifferent

MASSACHUSETTS. The fourth and final debate between Sen. Scott Brown and Democrat Elizabeth Warren scheduled for yesterday was called off because of Hurricane Sandy's impact.

But a new time for a final debate was up in the air yesterday.

Warren said in a statement from her campaign manager that she would participate in the debate tomorrow, an alternative proposed by the debate consortium.

Brown said yesterday that he thought there was no need for a final debate, adding that voters now know where candidates stand on the issues.

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ZOSTAVAX is a vaccine that is used for adults 50 years of age or older to prevent Shingles (also known as zoster).

Important Safety Information

- ZOSTAVAX does not protect everyone, so some people who get the vaccine may still get Shingles.
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- Talk to your health care professional if you plan to get ZOSTAVAX at the same time as PNEUMOVAX®23 (Pneumococcal Vaccine Polyvalent) because it may be better to get these vaccines at least 4 weeks apart.
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- ZOSTAVAX contains a weakened chickenpox virus. Tell your health care professional if you will be in close contact with newborn infants, someone who may be pregnant and has not had chickenpox or been vaccinated against chickenpox, or someone who has problems with their immune system. Your health care professional can tell you what situations you may need to avoid.

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You should read this summary of information about ZOSTAVAX before you are vaccinated. If you have any questions about ZOSTAVAX after reading this page, you should ask your health care provider. This information does not take the place of talking about ZOSTAVAX with your doctor, nurse, or other health care provider. Only your health care provider can decide if ZOSTAVAX is right for you.

What is ZOSTAVAX and how does it work?
ZOSTAVAX is a vaccine that is used for adults 50 years of age or older to prevent shingles (also known as zoster).

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ZOSTAVAX works by helping your immune system protect you from getting shingles.

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ZOSTAVAX cannot be used to treat shingles, or the nerve pain that may follow shingles, once you have it.

What do I need to know about shingles and the virus that causes it?
Shingles is caused by the same virus that causes chickenpox. Once you have had chickenpox, the virus can stay in your nervous system for many years. For reasons that are not fully understood, the virus may become active again and give you shingles. Age and problems with the immune system may increase your chances of getting shingles.

Shingles is a rash that is usually on one side of the body. The rash begins as a cluster of small red spots that often blister. The rash can be painful. Shingles rashes usually last up to 30 days and, for most people, the pain associated with the rash lessens as it heals.

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How is ZOSTAVAX given?
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What should I tell my health care provider before I get ZOSTAVAX?
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- had an allergic reaction to another vaccine.
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant.
- are breast-feeding.

Tell your health care provider if you expect to be in close contact (including household contact) with newborn infants, someone who may be pregnant and has not had chickenpox or been vaccinated against chickenpox, or someone who has problems with their immune system. Your health care provider can tell you what situations you may need to avoid.

Can I get ZOSTAVAX with other vaccines?
Talk to your health care provider if you plan to get ZOSTAVAX at the same time as the flu vaccine.

Talk to your health care provider if you plan to get ZOSTAVAX at the same time as PNEUMOVAX®23 (Pneumococcal Vaccine Polyvalent) because it may be better to get these vaccines at least 4 weeks apart.

What are the possible side effects of ZOSTAVAX?
The most common side effects that people in the clinical studies reported after receiving the vaccine include:
- redness, pain, itching, swelling, hard lump, warmth, or bruising where the shot was given.
- headache

The following additional side effects have been reported with ZOSTAVAX:
- allergic reactions, which may be serious and may include difficulty in breathing or swallowing. If you have an allergic reaction, call your doctor right away.
- chickenpox
- fever
- hives at the injection site
- joint pain
- muscle pain
- nausea
- rash
- rash at the injection site
- swollen glands near the injection site (that may last a few days to a few weeks)

Tell your health care provider if you have any new or unusual symptoms after you receive ZOSTAVAX. For a complete list of side effects, ask your health care provider.

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News in brief

Starbucks allows Hub to power up

BOSTON. More than a dozen Boston area Starbucks are testing out a new way that patrons can charge their cell phones wirelessly.

Seventeen of the chain's locations will test out the new Duracell Powermat that allows customers to place their phone on the special tabletop and charge their phones without plugging it into the wall, according to the Globe. **METRO**

DA: Man threatens cop with machete

BOSTON. A 34-year-old man was ordered held on bail yesterday for allegedly threatening an off-duty cop with a machete.

The officer stopped near the scene of what he thought was a single car crash along Washington Street in Dorchester just after 1 a.m. yesterday.

Although the officer stopped to help, he was threatened with a machete by Joel Gonzalez-Santana, according to the Suffolk district attorney's office.

Gonzalez-Santana was charged with assault with a dangerous weapon and was held on $1,500 bail. **METRO**

Man uses conterfeit bills for bail

BROCKTON. A 22-year-old Easton man was close to getting out of trouble when he only found himself arrested again.

Christopher Ryan Voelker allegedly gave three $20 counterfeit bills to a Brockton court clerk to bailout himself and a friend, according to The Enterprise.

The bills' serial numbers were all the same. **METRO**

Boston doing just dandy after Hurricane Sandy

NICOLAUS CZARNECKI/METRO

▶ A fallen tree blocks Portsmouth Street in Cambridge.

Sitting on a bench in Boston Common yesterday, 18-year-old Emerson College student Carly Kaplan was enjoying her lunch under sunny skies as though Hurricane Sandy hadn't been there at all.

She was one of many Bostonians yesterday who thought the storm was a breeze.

"I live on the top floor, and we had some leaks, but other than that, we had power, stayed in and watched movies. We weren't really affected by it at all. We looked outside and it was raining and gross and windy, but we were warm and cozy and having a good time," Kaplan said.

Down the street at the Revere Hotel Boston Common, most hotel guests had few complaints about the weather, except to taunt the Hub on the hype surrounding Sandy.

"One of our Brits described us as 'a bunch of bloody wimps,' and said it wasn't a storm at all," said Simon Mais, the hotel's general manager.

In anticipation of what was expected to be a mighty tempest, the hotel announced Monday it would open the doors of its movie theater to Boston residents and tourists who were stranded, and interested in free movies, but at noon, there were only two viewers.

"It looks like people are pretty much back at work today. I'm happy to say that I think we all fared very, very well, relative to New York, which has some major issues going on," Mais said, adding that the people who were most peeved about pushing back their travel plans weren't the tourists, but the business travelers.

The MBTA was running smoothly Tuesday after shutting down for 15 hours, a move that hasn't happened since Hurricane Irene last August. The result was a near consensus that the T had handled the situation well.

Mclean Hart, was back on his daily commute yesterday waiting for the bus at South Station. "It was a hurricane, I think its good they shut it down. Better safe than sorry."

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Boloco apology

Boloco apologized Monday for keeping employees at work during Hurricane Sandy.

- After sending out an email to customers announcing it would be open, **CEO John Pepper** said the company received more hate mail in a 60-minute time period than ever before.
- "Not only are you putting the lives of your staff at risk, you are now trying to get customers to come in and put their lives at risk. For what????? A couple dollars. You have got to be the biggest bunch of a-holes I've ever heard of."

Flaunting the Hub's haunts

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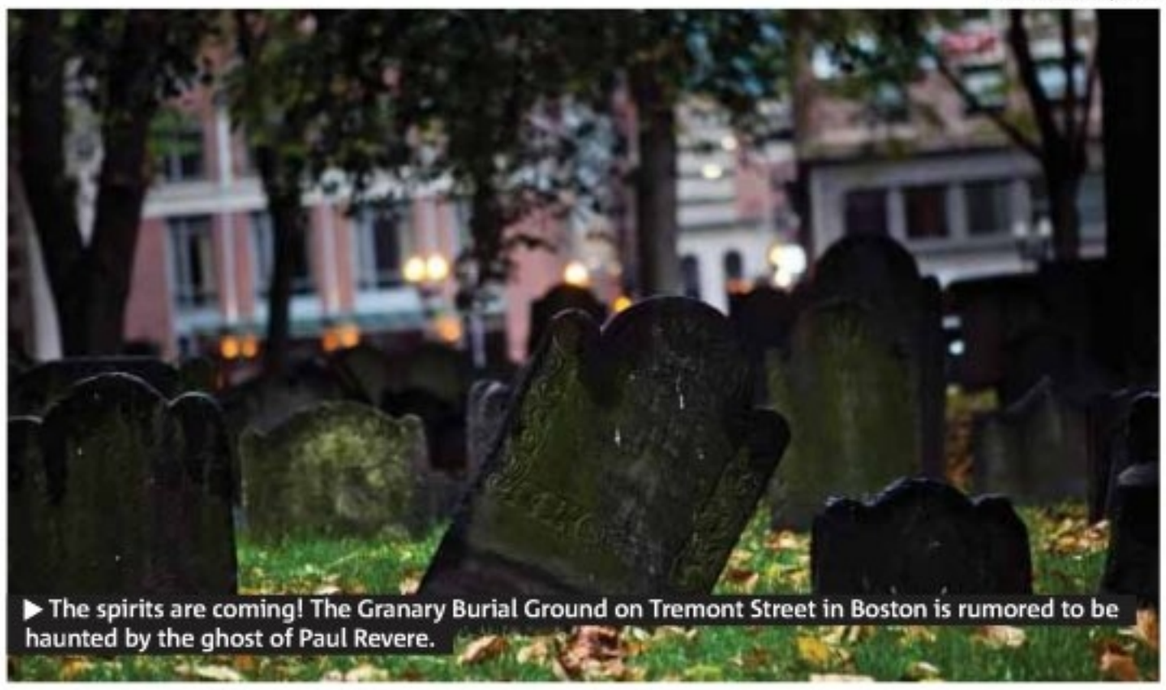

▶ The spirits are coming! The Granary Burial Ground on Tremont Street in Boston is rumored to be haunted by the ghost of Paul Revere.

In honor of Halloween, Metro caught up with Hillary Kidd, owner of Haunted Boston Ghost Tours, a lamp-lit walking tour of the city's most ghoulish grounds, to get a rundown of some local haunts, because who doesn't love to be spooked on the creepiest holiday of all?

Topping her list of the most notoriously haunted locations in Boston, believe it or not, is Boston Common, where visitors regularly report seeing apparitions.

"It is essentially one huge, unmarked cemetery," Kidd said. Most of the paranormal experiences happen near the site of a large elm tree that stood near the Parkman Grandstand and was used for hanging criminals and alleged witches throughout the 18th century. Kidd believes she had her closest encounter with the paranormal there in 2008.

"I gave a tour one night, and was sitting around talking to customers. People were taking photos, and we looked at it, and there was a neon green orb streaking across the front of me. Where we were standing there was no light source, and no dirt kicked up."

Not far away, on the southeast corner of the Common, rests one of the two oldest stations on the Green Line – Boylston Station – which was constructed on a mass grave filled with the casualties of the Revolutionary War.

Kidd said that people have reported seeing British Red Coat soldiers standing on the tracks.

"When they were digging for the T, they uncovered a mass grave where the station is now… We've heard reports of T drivers who make the sharp turn from Arlington into Boylston and seeing the soldiers," she said.

Two historic buildings that embrace their hauntings are The Omni Parker House Hotel and The Boston Athenæum.

A businessman reportedly drank himself to death at the Omni Parker House Hotel and has since haunted staff and guests, particularly in room 303 where he reportedly died. That room was turned into a utility closet after people spontaneous combustion in waste paper baskets there, as well as hearing a man laughing. The hotel also reports on its website that elevators operate sometimes by themselves, At the Athenaeum, Kidd said Doctor Thaddeus Harris reportedly haunts the building. In 1842, Nathaniel Hawthorne said he spotted the ghost of Harris reading his own obituary in that morning's paper, and seeing him several more times in the following weeks.

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Other Haunts

A look at other allegedly haunted spots around the city:

Central Burying Ground Cemetery
The ghost of a little girl reportedly walks the cemetery and has been photographed as a "see through form."

Granary Burial Ground
There are "tall tales and rumors" that the legs of Paul Revere have been spotted sticking out in front of his grave at the Granary Burial Ground, however no one has ever been able to snap a photograph.

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Monster storm Sandy mashes Manhattan, Atlantic coast

Devastating hurricane leaves New York flooded, powerless ◐ At least 18 people reported dead along eastern seaboard ◐ New Jersey governor describes wreckage as 'unthinkable'

Millions of people were left reeling in the aftermath of monster storm Sandy yesterday as New York City and the eastern United States struggled with epic flooding and massive power outages.

Sandy, which crashed ashore with hurricane-force winds in New Jersey, swamped parts of New York's subway system and Manhattan's Wall Street district, closing financial markets for a second day.

At least 18 people were reported killed along the eastern seaboard.

The sprawling storm system continued its trek inland as it weakened, while more than 1 million people in a dozen states along its path were under orders to evacuate. Sandy left behind a trail of damage — homes underwater, trees toppled and power lines downed — up and down the Atlantic coast.

The storm interrupted the presidential campaign a week before Election Day, giving President Barack Obama an opportunity to look presidential as he oversees the government response. He drew praise from New Jersey Governor Chris Christie, who has been a strong supporter of Obama's opponent.

Houses and businesses on the New Jersey shore sustained extensive damage from the storm's onslaught.

"The devastation is unthinkable," Christie said.

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▶ Sandy left a construction crane dangling from a luxury high-rise in midtown Manhattan due to crippling, hurricane-force winds.

Tunnel vision

Hurricane Sandy has left New York City's subway, the nation's largest mass-transit system, paralyzed for days, according to authorities. All seven tunnels running under the East River took in water.

"The New York City subway system is 108 years old, but it has never faced a disaster as devastating as what we experienced [Monday] night," Joseph Lhota, the chairman of Metropolitan Transit Authority, said in a statement.

It could be four to five days before service resumes, according to New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg. About 5.3 million people rely on it during the week.

"It's really hard to say which areas will come back first," MTA spokeswoman Deirdre Parker said of the 21 subway routes and 468 stations. "It will come back gradually."

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Israeli PM calling for military action

Netanyahu seeks supprt of Arab states Wants to disarm Iran, up sanctions But U.S. urges diplomacy

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Netanyahu

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu sought to convince Arab states yesterday that an Israeli military strike on Iran would benefit them, removing a potential threat and easing tensions across the Middle East.

Netanyahu has made a number of veiled threats to attack Iran's nuclear program and has appealed to the United States and the United Nations to set a limit for Tehran on its further development.

In an interview published with French magazine Paris Match, Netanyahu said such a strike would not worsen regional tensions, as many critics have warned.

"Five minutes after, contrary to what the skeptics say, I think a feeling of relief would spread across the region," he said."Iran is not popular in the Arab world, far from it, and some governments in the region, as well as their citizens, have understood that a nuclear-armed Iran would be dangerous for them, not just for Israel."

Israel, widely believed to be the Middle East's only nuclear power, believes Tehran intends to build atomic weapons and has urged the West to increase sanctions. Iran says it is enriching uranium for peaceful energy purposes only.

The U.S. and other Western countries have rejected Netanyahu's demand to set a limit for Iran and have urged him to refrain from military action to give diplomacy and sanctions a chance. **REUTERS**

War. Syria

▶ Syrian rebels are under attack and standing by.

Back on the offensive

Syrian warplanes bombed rebel targets with renewed intensity yesterday after the end of a four-day truce between President Bashar al-Assad's forces and insurgents. State television said "terrorists" had assassinated an Air Force general, Abdullah Mahmoud al-Khalidi, in a Damascus suburb. REUTERS

Clinton preaches reform in Bosnia

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton pressed Bosnia to overcome ethnic infighting and pursue constitutional reforms needed for joining NATO and the European Union.

"If you do not make progress you will be left behind," Clinton said at the start of a trip with EU foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton to three Balkan nations coming to terms with the collapse of Yugoslavia in the 1990s.

Bosnia remains deeply divided 17 years since the end of its 1992-95 war, which killed 100,000 people before the U.S., under then President Bill Clinton, brokered peace in Dayton, Ohio.

Power is shared uneasily between Serbs, Croats and Muslims in an unwieldy state ruled by ethnic quotas — and Bosnia lags behind its ex-Yugoslav neighbors. **REUTERS**

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Call into work and say you're suffering emotional duress from the hurricane, and stay in for a creepy movie marathon Warning: You'll have to take another mental health day tomorrow

What better way to get into the Halloween spirit than by watching some of the best horror movies? If you believe there's nothing scarier than films with blood, guts and psychotic serial killers who will stop at nothing, then you'll appreciate the first part of this list. If you get squeamish at the sight of blood and would rather just a good old fashioned ghost story, then you'll like the second part of our list better.

▶ Watch "The Ring," or else ...

SLASHERS

'Texas Chainsaw Massacre' (1974)
Director: Tobe Hooper
Cast: Marilyn Burns, Edwin Neal, Allen Danziger
There's nothing better than a horror movie based on a true story, because it makes the film that much creepier and harder to forget. See the legendary Leatherface hunt down a group of teenagers with the help of his family, a group of hillbilly cannibals.

'Halloween' (1978)
Director: John Carpenter
Cast: Donald Pleasence, Jamie Lee Curtis
We all love a killer whose face we never see, but what's better is a killer with a vengeance. The original in the never-ending series follows a psychotic serial killer, Michael Myers, who escapes from a mental institution the night before Halloween. Oh, so that's why they call it "mischief night," eh?

'A Nightmare on Elm Street' (1984)
Director: Wes Craven
Cast: Heather Langenkamp, Johnny Depp, Robert Englund
From the king of slasher movies, Wes Craven, "A Nightmare on Elm Street" is one of the most famed horror movies of all time due to its villain, Freddy Krueger, a killer with metal claws who haunts the dreams of the children who belong to former mob members who killed him. Plus, young Johnny Depp?! Yes, please!

'Wolf Creek' (2005)
Director: Greg McLean
Cast: John Jarrett, Cassandra Magrath
This Australian film based on a series of true events is certainly not a slasher flick that you would see on most must-watch lists. The film is set in an isolated part of the Australian outback and follows three British backpackers who are tormented by a lone bushman.

'Saw' (2004)
Director: Jame Wan
Cast: Leigh Whannell, Danny Glover, Cary Elwes
"Saw" is definitely not a film for those with a weak stomach, but it certainly does have a compelling and refreshing storyline. The film follows two men who wake up in a dark room to find themselves being held captive by a local serial killer, "Jigsaw," who captures and tortures people who have taken their lives for granted. Finally, a horror movie with a moral!

▶ Jigsaw has a lesson for you.

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'Poltergeist' (1982)
Director: Tobe Hooper
Writer: Steven Spielberg
Cast: Craig T. Nelson, JoBeth Williams, Dominique Dunne
It's never a good thing when a child looks at you and says in a sing-song voice, "They're here." Steven Spielberg's classic is a welcome reminder to turn off your TV before going to bed tonight.

'The Ring' (2002)
Director: Gore Verbinski
Cast: Naomi Watts, Martin Henderson, David Dorfman
What is it about TV sets and little kids that's so terrifying this time of year? After this film, you may not be so attached to your phone, either.

'The Grudge' (2004)
Director: Takashi Shimizu
Cast: Sarah Michelle Gellar, Jason Behr, Clea DuVall
Even if you're not superstitious, you're going to be researching the history of your home after this one.

'The Amityville Horror' (2005)
Director: Andrew Douglas
Cast: Ryan Reynolds, Melissa George, Jesse James, Chloe Grace Moretz
A word of warning: Skip this flick if you're looking to buy a house in the near future. Or actually, maybe you should watch the original 1970s version. That's a little bit more palatable. Just research the history of your house. For more info on that sort of thing, check out page 18.

▶ Kidman has a tender moment with a little ghost in "The Others."

'The Others' (2001)
Director: Alejandro Amenabar
Cast: Nicole Kidman, Fionnula Flanagan, Christopher Eccleston
Nicole Kidman's haunted house flick may make for the creepiest home viewing. The surprising twist at the end — well, we warned you.

'Paranormal Activity 3' (2011)
Directors: Henry Joost and Ariel Schulman Cast: Chloe Csengery, Jessica Tyler Brown, Christopher Nicholas Smith, Lauren Bittner
Because Casper was the imaginary ghost exception, not the rule. OLIVIA MORROW/ ESTHER PACHECO/METRO

Horror-ble mention

'The Thing'
This 1982 film by John Carpenter is almost as unclassifiable as its title implies. The characters keep referring to the monster that takes over their arctic retreat as a thing because they don't really know what the heck it even is. We don't really know what it is either, but we do know that the thing is scary and "The Thing" is really scary! Kurt Russell may have his name on the movie poster, but the highest honors should go to the thing, but they couldn't really say: "The Thing: Starring the thing" because then everyone would think it was that brick guy from the Fantastic Four franchise. Anyway, stream this movie immediately!

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'Love is harder than war'

K'naan looks inward for his new album and finds that global conflicts can actually be easier to sing about than interpersonal relationships

K'naan arrived on the scene singing about struggle; his hit "Wavin' Flag" was a timely freedom anthem during the 2010 World Cup. But his new record, "Country, God, or the Girl," looks inward.

"I went to 22 countries in Africa, back-to-back on tour," the Somalia-born artist says. "Seeing Africa to that degree freed me from having a narrow message in my music."

He says when a friend told him about working in refugee camps during the Rwandan genocide, it changed his perspective on global thinking.

"When people settled into the evening," he says, "nobody talked about the horrific tragedies that were happening. They were talking about their lost loves. And that hit me so deeply — how human beings are having the same conversations everywhere, even in times of war and famine. Their favorite songs are always love songs. And I wasn't speaking to them in the place that was most important to them."

The singer says he has come to a conclusion about approaching certain subject matter.

"Love is harder than war," he says.

The sound of "Country, God, or the Girl" is a blend of pop and African melodies, and tracks mostly focus on internal conflict, relationships and personal growth.

"To progress musically, I had to open myself up," he says.

On his new album, released earlier this month, K'naan sings and raps with a wishlist of high profile special guests, including Bono, Keith Richards, Will.i.am, Keith Richards, Nas and Nelly Furtado. But no matter who is joining him on these tracks, he says it still all comes down to one person.

"I've had the chance to write about my experiences in a difficult and violent life," he says. "But when the suffering and the pain is something that comes from within me, it's harder to react and to write about that."

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Staying still for writing

K'naan says he doesn't write while he's on the road.

"I know that some artists that I'm friends with do that, but I just prefer there be distance between my being celebrated as an artist and my having something to share. Because ... being idolized on stage and then writing a song could be a little dangerous, I think. But when you are living, and nobody cares that you're walking around in the street, your girlfriend is giving you a hard time and [so is] your family, all of that, that's the context in which an artist writes. That's when I like to write."

"To progress musically, I had to open myself up."
K'NAAN

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▶ K'naan performs on Sunday at Royale (279 Tremont St., Boston.) For more info, visit www.boweryboston.com.

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Halloween treats that won't ruin your teeth

Halloween is a prime opportunity for dental decay, and children aren't the only ones who are vulnerable. Most of us buy big bags of candy for trick-or-treaters, often opening the bag before they even ring the doorbell. Plus, everywhere from the bank to the workplace, bowls of colorful candy sit there, making abstinence from these seasonal treats tricky.

Timothy Chase, D.M.D., a practicing partner at New York City cosmetic dentistry practice SmilesNY, has good news for choco-holics looking to indulge a little bit tonight.

"The best candy for your teeth is plain chocolate," says Dr. Chase. "It doesn't stick to your teeth and saliva washes it away. If you don't overdo it and eat only a normal size portion of chocolate, then that's fine."

Among his worst offenders? "Sticky candies, like taffy," he says.

"These get into the nooks and crannies and stick there. Also, things like lollipops and hard candy, which people keep in the mouth for a long time, change the pH in the mouth and that leads to cavities. I see people who develop the habit of holding a hard candy in their cheek and they develop a cavity pattern along those teeth on that side."

Surprisingly, brushing right after eating candy can make things worse.

"The sugar changes the pH and the acid demineralizes teeth," Dr. Chase says. "It's best to wait half-an-hour to brush."

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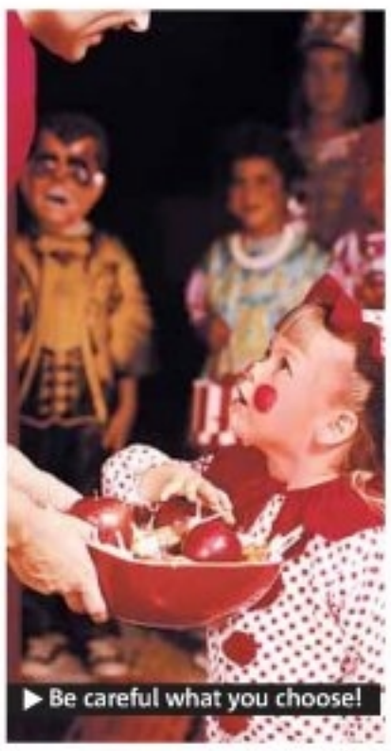
▶ Be careful what you choose!

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Worst offenders

- **Taffy and caramel, coconut or nut-filled candies:** They stick to everything inside the mouth, causing bacteria to breed and leading to cavity-causing acid.
- **Hard candy, lollipops or jaw-breakers that take a long time to dissolve:** The longer candy stays in your mouth, the more acidic the environment becomes.
- **Sour candy:** It has a higher acidic content that can break down tooth enamel
- **Powdery candy such as Pixie Stix:** It contains nothing but sugar and can lead to cavities by changing the mouth's pH and providing sugar for bacteria to increase.

A different dental tact for Halloween

Dentists in Maryland, Dr. Wayne Hickory and Dr. Joseph Lopez are hosting Operation Candy Buy Back. At their pediatric dentistry and orthodontics practice, they will be collecting unopened Halloween Candy and paying children $1 per pound for their donations. Afterward, Drs. Hickory and Lopez donate all collected candy to Operation Gratitude, which provides care packages for deployed troops.

▶ Avoid this at all costs!

The dentists reason that the program offers patients a chance to donate their Halloween candy, participate in a charity and possibly save a cavity at the same time. While patients are able to buy candy whenever they please, the pleasure means more to deployed troops. REUTERS

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Patriots in prime position thanks to schedule breaks

New England should be dancing in December thanks to second half
'Second bye week' will help

The bye week has come at the perfect time for the New England Patriots, not only because of the timing scheduling wise, but it also gives the team the chance to get healthy and prepare for the second half of the season.

Timing could not have been better as it comes at the exact midpoint of the season. This was due to the Patriots playing the Rams in London this past Sunday as both teams have their bye weeks this week due to the long-distance travel.

Making the travel even worse for the Patriots was Hurricane Sandy's impact on the East Coast. Originally the team was scheduled to depart London at noon (London time) Monday, but they moved their flight up to 5 a.m. (London time) Monday morning, and arrived safely at Logan Airport just before noon (Boston time). It was one of the final flights able to land before the brunt of the storm hit. New England could not return home after the game yesterday due to the fact that London's Heathrow airport closes at 11 p.m.

Now that the team has safely returned to the area, they can now rest and then get fully prepared for the remainder of the season, with the goal of playing their best football at end of the year going into the playoffs.

The other part of the timing of the bye week is with the number of players nursing injuries, this gives them the chance to have a week off and hopefully get back to full strength.

Luckily for the Pats, most injuries don't seem to be serious, so with the bye week and then the extended time off following their Thanksgiving game with the Jets it should allow the team to be at their best for the final stretch of the season.

With as much emphasis as head coach Bill Belichick puts into playing their best football at the end of the year the Patriots should thank the schedule-maker for their bye in the middle of the year as well as an extra few days off after Thanksgiving as it puts them in a prime position to be ready for anything come December.

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▶ Stevan Ridley and the Patriots are suddenly poised to run away with the AFC East.

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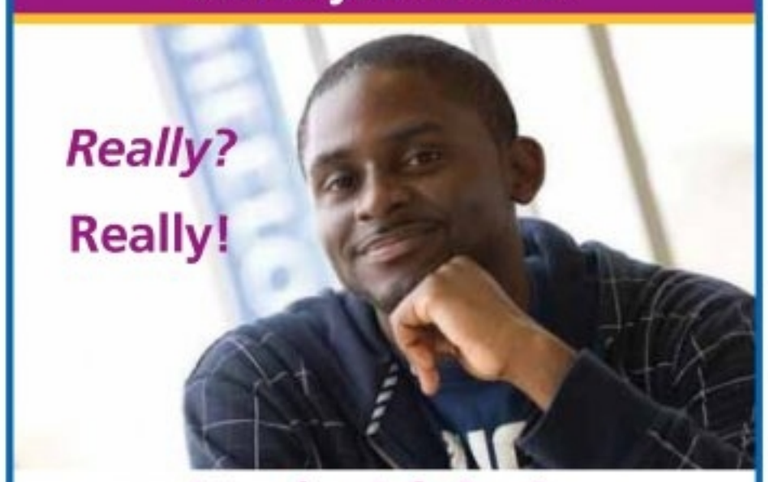

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'The King' gets his ring

Miami Heat star LeBron James finally received the championship ring he had starved for since entering the league in 2003 last night prior to the opening night showdown with the Celtics.

Boston coach Doc Rivers acknowledged that James deserves the praise he has received since earning championship No. 1.

"They get to have their day, Rivers told ESPN. "We had our day and LeBron had to sit and watch that. He's probably been through several of them, now that I think of it. This time it's his payback night and he deserves it."

For coverage of last night's Heat-Celtics showdown, please see Metro.us/boston/sports

Boston sports is blessed on the mic

The little I watched of the World Series on FOX, I was constantly reminded how good we have it in terms of our current local sports announcers. The job of a good announcer is to present the important information, give us quick opinions and a few quality laughs. Think Marv Albert or Al Michaels. Ask yourself this: have you ever met anyone that enjoyed Tim McCarver or Joe Buck?

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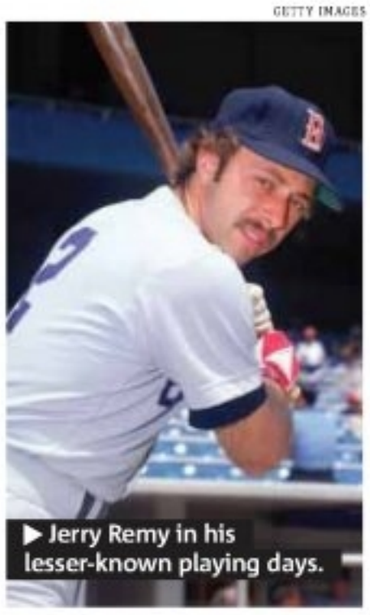

▶ Jerry Remy in his lesser-known playing days.

Patriots
Radio: Scott Zolak and Gil Santos on the Sports Hub (98.5 FM)
TV: It rotates although Phil Simms and Jim Nantz usually get Pats games
The retirement of former Patriot Gino Cappelletti couldn't come soon enough. He had dragged down the excellent Santos for years with his slow and often incorrect commentary. Zolak might be a clown but he is a very capable color commentator. The fact that he played (sparingly) in the NFL somewhat recently is his biggest asset. Santos has recovered from major health issues last winter and he's still a regional treasure.

Celtics
Radio: Sean Grande and Cedric Maxwell on WEEI (93.7 FM)
TV: Mike Gorman and Tommy Heinsohn on CSNE
It's hard to picture two people that are more different than Grande and Maxwell but somehow, they make it work almost seamlessly on the air. Grande is full of tidbits and opinions and most importantly, he is able to reign in Maxwell's occasionally insane thoughts. Their on-air dynamic is best summed up by the call immediately after the Celtics won the NBA title in 2008: Grande launched into a long rehearsed speech but Maxwell cut him off midway through. Gorman and Heinsohn have been working together since 1981 (!) so they are like an old married couple. Like the radio crew, Gorman often plays the bouncer to Heinsohn's rampant outbursts but you can tell they are close friends, which makes a huge difference.

Bruins
Radio: Bob Beers and Dave Goucher on the Sports Hub
TV: Jack Edwards and Andy Brickley on NESN
Out of these four sports I think hockey, by far, is the toughest one to cover on the radio (since it moves so quickly) but for that and many other reasons, Beers and Goucher are superb. They are entertaining and informative while not getting too slogged down in the endless play-by-play. Many can't stand Edwards' style of hyperbole and insane rants but he loves the Bruins so if you support them, you can usually overlook some of his bluster. Like Beers, Brickley is a former Bruin and he brings a good knowledge of hockey's X's and O's.

Red Sox
Radio: Joe Castiglione and Dave O'Brien on WEEI
TV: Jerry Remy and Don Orsillo
Baseball is the best sport on radio since it gives the announcers ample time and space to have some fun calling the mostly mundane action. O'Brien is a pro's pro and we are lucky to have him as much as we do - he also works a busy schedule for ESPN. Castiglione is cartoonish at times but he is an institution and does a solid job. Remy peaked when the Red Sox were winning games but in the last few years, people have realized what a dour, shameless guy (always plugging his crap) he can be. Luckily, Orsillo is much more likeable (an everyman type) and he can balance out Remy's doom and gloom on most nights.

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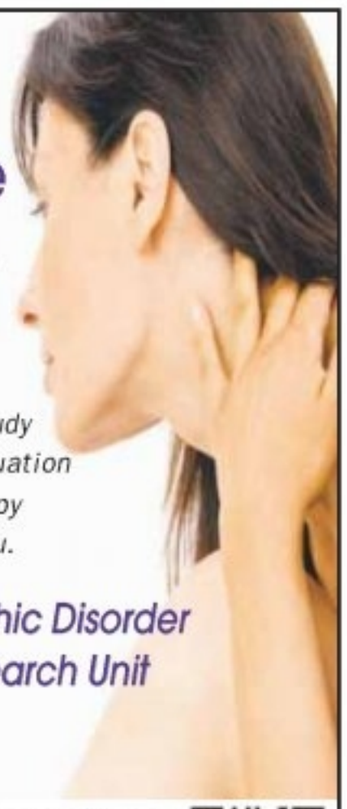

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No matter how thorough your home inspection, it's not easy to detect when a property is haunted

Even for the most cautious of homebuyers, the first couple of weeks in a new house can offer some unpleasant surprises. Dry wall that looked spot-on tends to reveal its quirks, "charming" kitchens quickly fade to dated and decks let out new, louder sighs once the papers are signed. But these flaws are nothing compared to what some unlucky homeowners discover after moving in: Resident, restless spirits.

Unlike a mold infestation or cracked foundation, sellers likely don't have to disclose past murders and current hauntings.

"The biggest thing that people need to understand is that disclosure is really state to state," says Tanya Marchiol, an Arizona-based realtor and investment expert who is also licensed in many of the industry's traditionally more haunted markets, including Massachusetts.

"When you walk into that house you want that 'Oh!' feeling, that feeling of this is where I want to be — a safe haven. If you walk into a house and it's the wrong 'Oh!' walk away."

In Massachusetts, sellers only have to disclose a murder, suicide or haunting if it's "psychologically impacting" — which doesn't mean much, Marchiol points out, as you can't prove that a menacing poltergeist impacted your home's previous owners. While it seems questionable, Virginia's guidelines are even

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Get the gossip

Ghostly good deal? Beware!

With the increase in foreclosures, it's less likely you'll hear about a house's questionable history — the bank didn't live there, and they're not really in the business of losing money. So what can you do?

"I tell everyone to talk to the neighbors," says Marchiol. "This is a home — it's the largest purchase you'll ever make in your lifetime. Introduce yourself and see what they have to say. ... You can always count on neighbors to talk."

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worse: Unless the spirit is physically altering the property — unless there is blood pouring from the walls, or the house moves overnight — there is no need to disclose.

While Marchiol encourages her sellers to voluntarily disclose both crimes and ghosts, it comes at a price.

"These are called 'stigmatized properties,'" she says. "A stigmatized property is actually more difficult to sell than a property with physical defects. It is much more difficult to sell a known haunted house, or a home where a murder was committed because no one understands how to fix those issues. Price drops won't sell them; free rent won't get people to move in."

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Create an expectation that doesn't come true, and you may leave someone with badly injured feelings or ill thoughts of you.

The purpose of a will may be to leave money and property to someone, but there is another purpose, rarely considered, but as important in my view – avoiding family strife and discord that often follows a surprising inheritance or disinheritance after one's death.

Take your children for example. Once you're dead you won't be able to fix hurt feelings if an inheritance doesn't match your promise or their expectations.

And we've all heard the stories of families torn apart after an older parent remarries and promised inheritances go to someone else's children. Use your will to promote family harmony and a positive memory of you.

So be careful what you disclose if you decide to tell all. Contact me if you need help with your planning. ©2012 George Warshaw.

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Committee Against Physician Assisted Suicide

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On November 6, 2012, Massachusetts residents will vote on a statewide ballot question – Question 2 – which would legalize physician assisted suicide.

This ballot question is poorly written, confusing and flawed – which is why concerned doctors, nurses, hospice workers, religious leaders and citizens have formed a committee to urge residents to vote **NO** on Question 2.

Question 2 is critically flawed. Here's why you should vote **NO** on Election Day:

1. A six-month prognosis for a terminal illness can be wildly inaccurate.
2. Question 2 does not require a patient to consult with a psychiatrist before receiving a prescription to commit suicide and many terminally ill patients have depression.
3. Question 2 does not require a consultation with a palliative care or hospice expert.
4. No physician is present when the patient takes the lethal prescription.
5. There is no requirement to notify family members.
6. We should be supporting improved hospice and palliative care statewide, not legal suicide.

QUESTION 2-

Would give a patient who has been diagnosed with a terminal illness and given a prognosis of less than six months to live, the ability to request a lethal prescription to end his/her life.

If passed on Election Day, physician assisted suicide would become legal under Massachusetts law. No additional legislative or other approvals would be necessary.

The Committee Against Physician Assisted Suicide is organizing a diverse, statewide coalition in opposition to Question 2. Visit **www.stopassistedsuicide.org** to learn more, sign the petition and make a donation to help raise the funds necessary to defeat Question 2.

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